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deavours of *The Society for Propagating  
the Gospel in Foreign Parts*, from Friday the  
18th of February 1714, to Friday the 17th  
of February 1715.



THE last *Anniversary Sermon* by the Right ARTICLE I.  
Reverend the Lord Bishop of Clogher,  
having closed that Year with proper Mo-  
tives for a happy Progress thro' the suc-  
ceeding one, In that "The Honour of  
" Religion, the Love of our Brother, the Love of  
" the Publick, the Love of Jesus, and the Hopes of  
" Heaven, are represented as concurring effectually  
to the exciting all concerned in promoting and ad-  
vancing the Christian Purposes of the *Society* ; 'Tis  
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*Assistances derived to the Society by,*

the Business of this *Abstract* to recount what *Assistances* it has received within the running Year, either as to the general Concerns of it, or its particular Affair of *Barbadoes*, from Persons of what Order or Condition soever; What *Impediments* have obstructed the successful Issue of its Affairs; and what *Methods* are to be pursued for obviating any malevolent Influences for the future; In recounting the *Assistances* afforded the *Society* for a Year past, Duty obliges in the first Place to a grateful Recognition of those gracious Assurances given it by His Majesty, whom God long preserve, soon after his auspicious Accession to the Throne, viz.

I. Royal Protection.

That, So pious and useful an Undertaking, should always meet with his Favour and Encouragement.

Words never to be forgotten, and ever to be depended on; as containing in them all that can be expected on due *Applications* to a Good Prince, which may any Ways tend to the farther *Protection* and better *Government* of the Church of God in His Majesty's Dominions and Countries abroad respectively, or be matter of Consolation to the Society at home;

Till Measures are ripe for imploring the Royal Favour, in such Particulars as require the maturest Deliberations: And, since the general Blessings of his Majesty's Reign, have superseded the Necessity of less important Addresses; We are to see what *Benefactors* have been raised last Year, by the good Providence of God, either at home or abroad, who have given or bequeathed any Thing, to the Use of the Society at large,

large, or have applied any Donations in a more especial Manner to some Branches thereof within the Compass of its Designs;

In the Front of the latter, The late Right Reverend <sup>H. Bequests</sup> Primate of all *England*, and Metropolitan, Dr. *Thomas* <sup>and Donations</sup> *Tenison*, appears with the greatest Advantage; In <sup>ons of Bene-</sup> that *His Grace* being sensible of a long Time how insufficient all other Means were for a due *Propagation* of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, without the Establishment of *Episcopal* Government, so much wanted there, (as is evidenc'd by the frequent Calls on all Hands, for such a Sort of Superiority truly *Primitive*,) did by his last *Will* and *Testament*, bearing Date *Decemb. 2. 1715.* bequeath 1000 *l.* to be applied in equal Proportions, towards the Settlement of *Two Bishops*, one for the *Continent*, the other for the *Isles of America*; And till such *Bishops* be so settled by Prerogative Royal, or the Legislative of the Kingdom, That the Benefaction might not be fruitless to the Society, took Care to provide, That the Interest thereof be divided in the interim, by the Trustees thereto directed, by Way of Encouragement to Fidelity in the *Ministerial* Function, amongst such *English Missionaries* of the Province of *Canterbury*, who from Time to Time shall by them be thought to have been most deserving, and who shall return to *England* upon any Disability, whether of Sicknefs, Infirmities, or old Age, &c.

His late *Grace of Canterbury*, in these his pious Intentions of providing for the Edification of Catechumens and Candidates for Holy Orders, (those living Temples of the Holy Ghost,) by the Imposition of *Bishops* Hands, and by their Prayers with those of their Presbyteries; is best succeeded by a private Gentleman in *Staten Island*, who, as the Reverend Mr. *Mackenzie* signifies from *New York*, has promised to



leave his Land, to the Value of 7 or 800 *l.* of that Country-Money, towards the Building a Church there, on Condition that the said Mr. *Mackenzie* will continue to reside amongst that People; which in all Probability will be complied with by him; As having, besides the Esteem of the People, that Church incorporate by the Governours Letters Patents, a convenient Settlement of about 60 Acres *Glebe*, and a Manse or Parsonage House built upon it, which has cost in the whole 250 *l.* or more.

Of *actual Benefactions*; There have been received by the Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup>, A Legacy of 200 *l.* bequeathed by Mrs. *Hester Clarke* of *Dalston*, in the Parish of *Hackney*; 2<sup>dly</sup>, Of Mr. *Pottmore* of the *Temple*, Executor to Mr. *Rock* of the same House, and an Original Member of the Society by Charter, 100 *l.* as a Legacy from him likewise; 3<sup>dly</sup>, Fifty Pounds in the same Nature of Dr. *John Osmond*, and the Reverend Mr. *King* of *Exeter*, as bequeathed by Mr. *Richmond*; 4<sup>thly</sup>, A Gift of Forty Pounds, from an unknown Hand, by Mr. *Henry Hoare*; 5<sup>thly</sup>, Six several Benefactions of Twenty Pounds each: From the Right Honourable the Countesses Dowagers of *Northampton* and *Berkley* respectively, two of them; as additional to the many former Largeesses of the same Value, handed either by the Reverend Mr. *Stubbs* or Mr. *Lafinby*, or the late pious Mr. *Nelson*; Two more of them from unknown Persons, by the Reverend Doctors *Pelling* and *Milington*; another Sum of that Size from the Reverend Mr. *George Barnsley*, Rector of *Seddlescomb* in *Suffex*, by the Hands of Mr. *Bower*; And 20 *l.* more there is in a Parliamentary Lottery left to the Society, as intimated by Mr. *Charles Blunt* of *Bristol*, to whom the Interest is to be paid, till the Principal becomes

becomes due ; 6thly, Of an unknown Person, *Fourteen Pounds* from the Lord Bishop Clogher ; 7thly, Of four more unknown Persons, (one of which, a *French Gentleman*) *Ten Pounds* each ; by the Hands of the Reverend Dr King, and Mr. Rival ; Of Mr. George Wing, and Mr. William Patten ; as much from Mrs. Lettice Tuffnel, by the Hands of Mr. Burrel ; and from Mr. Roofsely, by Mr. William Lowthe ; 8thly, Of another unknown Person *5 Guineas*, by the Reverend Mr. Thomas ; from a nameless Friend of Mrs. Tuffnel's, our frequent Benefactress, *Five Pounds* ; as much from Mr. Isaac Behagel, Merchant in *Frankfort*, by Mr. Chamberlayne ; and a second annual Benefaction of the like Value, from *Abraham Harrison Esq;* of *East-Greenwich*, by the Hands of Mr. Archdeacon Stubbs ; and *5l.* as usual, from the Trustees to the Will of the Reverend Mr. Barnabas Oley ; 9thly, From three Ladies, whose Names must be concealed, *Seven Guineas* by the Lord Bishop of Ely ; *Three Pounds* from Mr Middleton of *Carmarthenshire*, by Sir John Philips ; *Two Pounds, two Shillings and six Pence*, from the Reverend Mr. Fenwick, in *Leicestershire*, by Mr. Shute ; *1 Guinea* from an unknown Person, and another from Mr Dawberry in *Northamptonshire*, by the same ; 10thly, From a poor Woman unknown, *Five Shillings*, which she sent to the Treasurer out of her Penury, for the *Gospel's Sake* ; and which Benevolence will be mentioned to her Honour, as long as these Papers shall live, and how far soever they shall travel.

Under this Head is to be noted, that the Society have ordered Ground-Rents to be purchased with the 200*l.* Legacy left by Mr. Ralph Snow of *Lambeth*, and with its Interest ; That the whole may be disposed of, so soon as conveniently may be, for answering the Will and Direction of the

the *Testator*, to the Behoof of some Missionaries within the Province of *Canterbury*; And, That the Reverend the *Dean* of *St. Asaph*, having reclaim'd the Menage of *Timothy Gregory*, Bishop *Beveridge's* Executor, to himself; There may be a Surplusage expected at the Foot of his Account, applicable to such pious Uses as the *Dean* shall think fit; whose good Intentions towards the Society, are here gratefully remembred by Way of Anticipation.

Nor is a Memorial of such *Benefactions* here to be omitted, tho' not received into the Society's Treasury, which have saved any Issues from thence; Such are the great Contributions of Mr. *John Rowland*, and Mr. *Anthony Burton*, at whole Expence chiefly the Church at *New Bristol* was built, and towards which the Reverend Mr. *Talbot* gave Five Pounds in Money, and a Pulpit Cloth of black Walnut, which cost as much, by way of Encouragement: As also the Sums collected and laid out for building a Church at *Albany*; to which the Honourable Governour *Hunter*, as was mentioned in the last Abstract, was a considerable Benefactor; and to which the Village of *Schenectedy*, have unanimously contributed their Proportion, besides what Colonel *Beckman* and Major *Striker* have procured at *Vlackbush* and other Villages in *King's County Long-Island*, to the Amount of 500 l. in the whole.

But the Arrears of *Collections* in her late Majesty's *Letters Patents* have a Place here more especially, which should have gone to the Account of the preceeding Year, to the Amount of 450 l. only, whilst a large Sum is detained still in the Hands of *Collectors*, who after this Notice, surely will permit no other Mark to be set upon them, than that they were much out of Time in the returns



turns expected: and that too when *Collections* and *Returns* have been both made and brought in, whence there were no such Expectancies, as that of Six Guineas voluntarily amassed by the Reverend Mr. George Raymond of Ipswich, amongst his Friends, who by his Endeavours this Way, has merited more than once the Thanks of the Society.

To *Benefactions* of Money and Books, (of which III. Choice of  
last, the Society for promoting *Christian Knowledge*, New Mem-  
bers.  
gave a rare Instance this Year, when they presented to the Society, by the Hands of Mr. Newman their Secretary, *Quatuor Evangelia & Acta Apostolorum ex originali Textu in Linguam Damulicam Versa in usum Gentis Malabarica*) We are to preface the *Assistances* hoped for, from the *Members* newly elected, (by whose *Admission* Money, and *Annual* Subscriptions, the Society's Stock is somewhat improv'd, and) by whose direct or collateral Interests, it may receive ample Advantages hereafter; Their Names and Distinctions are as follow, in the Order they were chosen: Colonel Richard Scot of the Island of Barbadoes; The Right Reverend John Lord Bishop of St. Asaph; The Reverend Mr. William Nichols, Rector of Stockport in Cheshire; Mr. John Bridges, Surveyor of all his Majesty's Woods on the Continent of America; The Honourable Mr. Henry Egerton, Brother to the Right Honourable the Earl of Bridgewater; The Reverend Dr. William Colnett; Thomas Green, Esq; The Reverend Mr. Stonestreet, Rector of St. Stephen Walbrooke; Monsieur Olearius, Professor of Leipsick; The Reverend Mr. Lewis Saurin; and, The Reverend Mr. Clermont, Minister of the French Church at Amsterdam.

Whilst these New Members shall be helpful to the IV. Endeavours of Mis-  
Society, by their Advice at Home, or Correspondence sionaries a-

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dence from *Abroad*; of which, future Abstracts may give repeated Accounts; It will be convenient to consider, how the great Work of *Reformation*, or *Conversion*, has gone on, thro' the Application, Fidelity, and good Demeanour, of its *Missionaries*, whether *Ministers*, *Catechists*, or *Schoolmasters*; of which respectively we have these comfortable Particulars, *viz.*

1. As to *Ministers*, From *New-York* Government, including the *Jerseys*, That Mr. *Vaughan*, Minister at *Elizabeth Town*, has used his utmost Endeavours to promote the Interest of Religion, and the Good of Souls, both there and at *Amboy*; That Mr. *Poyer*, Minister of *Jamaica* in *Long-Island*, finds the Number of Communicants doubled since he came thither, and has gained over some of the *Independents* and *Quakers*, to the established Communion, by the Word preach'd amongst them, as well as to his own proper Congregation; That Mr. *Talbot*, Minister of *Burlington*, has supplied the Church at *New Bristol*, as well as his own, whilst his Health continued; where by his Preaching, and Mr. *Thoroughgood Moor's* former Pains, some have been brought to believe, and have been baptized, they and their Children. That Mr. *Barclay* has officiated seven Years at *Albany*, and during his Stay at *New York*, hath performed all the Offices of his Ministerial Function, both in *Trinity Church*, and in the *Chapel*, to Satisfaction; That Mr. *Bridge* at *Rye*, has reduced many who were brought up in a very dissolute way of living, and total Neglect of publick Worship, to a more sober Conversation, and a constant Attendance on the Worship of God, using his utmost Endeavours to put a Stop to many disorderly Practices which had prevailed among the People, to the great Reproach of Religion; That by the Blessing of God on Mr.

*Barton's*

*Barton's* Ministry at *West-Chester*, *East-Chester*, *Tonkers*, and *Mannour of Pelham*, where there were formerly very few of the Church Communion, there is visibly a very great Reformation of Manners; That *Mr. Thomas's* Church at *Hempstead*, is in a tolerable thriving Condition, how powerfully soever opposed by his Adversaries, Dissenters of all Denominations, chiefly thro' the Use of *Common-Prayer* Books sent thither by the Society, whose Charity was well answer'd in that *Benefaction*; That *Mr. Bondet's* Congregation at *New Rochelle* has a competent Number of Communicants, and meets for divine Service not only on Sabbath-days, but all others appointed by the Church; and, That *Mr. Mackenzie* in *Staten Island*, gains such Ground by his assiduous Labours, and unblameable Demeanour, as to impress a Gentleman even to build a Church there, and endow it; on Condition that he stays there with the Society's Leave.

2. From *Pensilvania*, That *Mr. Clubb*, is well received at his Cures of *Radnor* and *Oxon*, the People of which Place, are thankful to the Society, for sending them the Minister they desired; and are a large Congregation, well affected to the Principles of the Church; That *Mr. Ross* at *New-Castle*, uses all the Diligence in his Mission that he is capable of, and the People so satisfied, that the Communicants since last Christmas, are increased to a double Proportion; and, That *Mr. Humfrey's* Congregation at *Chester*, is in a flourishing Condition.

3. From the *Carolina's*, both *North* and *South*, that *Dr. Le Jan*, in *St. James's* Parish, is very successful, amidst other Ministrations, in reconciling Differences; That *Mr. Maule* in *St. John's* Parish labours so incessantly, as to prejudice his Health

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much, which he regards not, whilst his Communicants increase; That Mr. Osborn at St. Bartholomew's, by gentle Methods, prevails with some to be Communicants, who were never before reconciled to that Holy Ordinance, and baptizes adult Persons; That Mr. Bull at St. Pauls, doth not perform the Lord's Work negligently, but perswades his People to keep the Ordinances of God *blameless*, who are all willing to be guided by him; and sends the glad Tidings, That the Clergy there live in perfect Unity, and Brotherly Love; That Mr. Taylor at St. Andrews, baptizes many adult Persons, as well as Children, *Whites* and *Negroes*; That Mr. Gay at Port-Royal, reconciles many to the publick Worship of God by Preaching assiduously in different and distant Parts of his extensive Parish; That Mr. Hazel at St. Thomas's attends on the Company of his Parish at the Camp during the *Indian* War, that they may not want the Comfort of any Holy Offices; That Mr. Hagar diligently reconciles his *Germans* likewise, to the Usages of the Church, and could do much more if supplied with *Common Prayer Books* in *High Dutch*; and, That Mr. Urmstone designs to answer his Mission in becoming a true *Itinerant* over a great Part of *North Carolina*. 4. From *Mary-Land*, That Mr. Adams takes indefatigable Pains to fulfil his Ministry, having the Care of four Churches upon him; and that Mr. Henderson, formerly our Missionary, at *Patuxent*, prosecutes zealously the Duties of his Function thereabouts; and will enlarge his Line for the Preservation of that People from *Romish* Errors and Superstitions, which prevail most in that Country, if the Society shall think well of it, tho' he doth it at his own Expence.

2. As to Catechists, and Schoolmasters, Messieurs Neau, Dennis, Cleator, Geldersleeve, Taylor, Huddlestone,

*Stone, Marsden, Ellis, and Glover*, We are informed, That they do with Fidelity and Diligence discharge the Trust reposed in them, by training up young Catechumens, Children of the Poor especially, in the Principles of true Religion : enabling them, by proper Instructions given them on the Sabbath-Days in the Evening, to joyn with the Congregation in Divine Service at all Times; and teaching them the Use of *Psalmody*, which is new in some Places, and to which the People were sometime very averse:

But more especially is their Care extended to the Children of the *Heathens*, whether of *Negro* *Amongst Heathens.* *Slaves*, or *Indians*; as being the more immediate Charge of the Society in its primary Institution: As to which Particular, the *Ministers* likewise, as they had Opportunities, have thought themselves bound in Duty to exert themselves; So that, what thro' the incessant Prayers of his Church, and of the Society to this Purpose: That God would be pleased to *have Mercy on the Infidel World*, and *bring it home to his Flock*; and what thro' the Strength He has been pleased to vouchsafe these Labourers in his Service, otherwise weak and unworthy, There has been such a plentiful Harvest brought in this Season, by the means of Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord, That there have been almost daily added to the Church, such as, we trust in God, on their Perseverance in well-doing, shall be saved amongst the *Remnant of the true Israelites*;

To render which Work, the Great Work of bringing in the fulness of the Gentiles, more practicable, The Society has not only sent a *Missionary* amongst the *five Nations*, as has been formerly related, at the Request of their *Sachems*; (Who has made what Advances he could in conversing with them by a proper *Interpreter*;

ter ; by Instructing their Children in their Catechism ; by bringing their Women many of them to Chapel, *not a few of which are devout, and able to give an Account of their Faith, (delighting to rehearse it, and to communicate to others what they have learnt)* and by causing to be printed many *Prayers, Catechisms, and Vocabularies, in the Indian and English Languages, at the Appointment of the Society ;*) But they have procured Instructions to be drawn up, as has been said, for the Use of the *Missionaries* employed in this Grand Affair, whether in the *Islands*, or on the *Continent* :

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5thly, Shew them, that there is such a Being, as we call *GOD*, from his Works of *Creation* and *Providence*; and particularly from the *Frame* of their own Beings.

## S E C T. II.

But forasmuch as our Knowledge of *GOD*, and of his *Will*, is imperfect; shew them farther, how He has made himself and his Will known to Men, by a certain Book, called *the Bible*, which was written by several Holy Men, to whom God made known Himself and His Will, that they might teach others.

For a Proof of this, shew them, that *this Book* contains Things worthy of *God*; and that the Men who wrote it, in several Places of it, do foretel Things which none but *God* could make known to them; and that they did many wonderful Works, which none but *God* could enable them to do; and give them some plain Instances in both Kinds out of the *Bible*.

Shew them further, That *this Book*, called *the Bible*, has been carefully preserved, and handed down to us from Generation to Generation, and has all the Marks of *Truth* and *Sincerity* in it.

## S E C T. III.

Shew them, in the next Place, what *this Book* teaches concerning *God*, viz. That there is but *one God*; That as He created, so He governs the *World*; that He takes Care of all the Beings which He hath made, particularly of the Children of Men, and more especially of them that fear and serve him; Shew them in the next Place, what *this Book* teaches con-

concerning Man ; How *God* formed one Man and one Woman at first ; and how all Mankind are descended from them ; what State they were made in ; what *Law* was given them to try their Obedience ; how they disobey'd that *Law* ; and what were the unhappy Consequences of their Disobedience, upon themselves, and upon their whole Posterity.

S E C T. IV.

Proceed then to shew them, That *the Bible* further teaches them, what Method *God* Almighty hath taken to deliver Mankind from the evil Consequences of their Disobedience, viz. By sending his only Begotten Son *Jesus Christ* into the World, to take our Nature upon Him : Instruct them concerning the manner of his Conception, his Birth, his Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension into Heaven, and continual Intercession for us there ; and his sending forth *Twelve Disciples*, called his *Twelve Apostles*, to publish his Doctrine to the World, enabling them by the *Holy Ghost* to speak many Languages they had never learned, and to do many great and miraculous Works for the Confirmation thereof.

S E C T. V.

Shew them next, what *the Bible* teaches to hope for from this Son of God ; namely, the Forgiveness of their Sins ; the Assistances of God's Grace, and everlasting Life and Happiness, through his Merits and Mediation ; shew them the Conditions of obtaining these good Things, viz. *Repentance, Faith,* and a good Life, instructing them particularly in the Nature of each of these.

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Shew them further, by what Means they may be enabled to perform these Conditions, *viz.* By exercising their own Reason; by carefully reading and considering *the Bible*; by praying earnestly to God, that he will, for *Jesus Christ* his Sake, afford them his Assistance; and lastly, by entring themselves into the *Church of Christ*, or Society of Christians.

### SECT. VI.

Then shew them, how they are to enter into the *Church of Christ* by *Baptism*; namely, by being washed with Water, *In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*: Shew them what the *Holy Scriptures* have revealed concerning the *Trinity* of the Divine Persons, *the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost*, and the Unity of their Essence; shew them the Nature and Design of their being thus *baptized*, and the Obligations they are laid under by it, particularly what they are further to do when they are thus entred into the Church by *Baptism*, *viz.* heartily to love their Fellow Christians, frequently to join with them in the *Publick Worship*, in Prayers, and Praises, and partaking of the *Lord's Supper*: instruct them in the Institution and Nature of the *Lord's Supper*, and the Manner in which it is celebrated in the *Christian Church*.

Teach them, That *the Bible* declares, that *Jesus Christ* will come again to judge all Men, according to what they have done in this Life, whether it be Good or Evil; that to this Purpose, He will raise the Dead, reuniting their Immortal Souls to their Bodies, in Order to reward the Pious and Good with everlasting Life, and condemn the Wicked to everlasting Punishment.



S E C T. VII.

For a Conclusion to the whole; in Order to convince them of the Usefulness and the Necessity of the *Revelation* made in *the Bible*, put them upon recollecting what you have taught them: and shew them what they might have known by their own *Reason*, if duly exercised, and what they could not have known but from the *Bible*; and endeavour to convince them, that the Truths contained in *the Bible*, are highly worthy of God, fit to be believ'd, and thankfully receiv'd by Men, and excite in them an earnest Desire to read the *Bible* as soon as they can.

The *Assistances* given to the Society's Affairs, by ARTICLE II. *Royal Protection, Bequests and Donations of Benefactors, Choice of New Members, and Endeavours of its Missionaries amongst Christians and Heathens*; thus accounted for.

'Tis our next Business to enquire into the *Impediments* within the Year, which may have any *Ways* obstructed a more successful Progress; and they appear to be these which follow.

1. The first and chiefest of which is described to be, the *Want* of a *Bishop*, or *Bishops* in those Parts, which some Letters thence exceedingly bemoan; and others give Instances, wherein many great Benefits would redound to God's Church (but yet imperfectly planted there,) thro' the Influences of Ecclesiastical Governours: such are, besides others formerly represented, Their diligent Superintendency over the *Missionaries* themselves, for determining their Differences; and removing the Offences, which too often arise through the Parity of *Ministers*: and

Impediments or Obstructions, to the Society's Affairs.

1. The Want of a Bishop, or Bishops.

for the Prevalence of which in some Places, an experienced Person thence writes, That unless some such Superiors soon come amongst them, he fears, that the Church will decrease in those Parts of the World, faster much than ever yet it has increased: And they are said to be as much wanted for using their Authority towards Suppressing the Growth of Popery in others; it being emphatically offer'd to the Society's Reflections, how diligent the Romish Priests are, and what Ground they gain thro' the Negligence and ill Conduct of some, on whom 'tis incumbent to be more watchful, and to give better Examples: and 'tis as positive asserted as before, that unless some such Governors do speedily appear there, the Church, to use the Expression, how proper soever, will soon dwindle to nothing.

2. The want of more Missionaries.

The second Impediment is thought to be the Want of more Missionaries; whom the Society, under its present Circumstances, is by no means able to subsist: Such are called for importunately, in Number as follows: One, for the Indians, styled Onondonawgas; Three, for as many Churches in the Jerseys, which are all shut up, for want of Ministers to supply them, whilst the People have no where to go in the mean while, but to the Quakers Meeting; One in the Nature of a Reader and Schoolmaster, is wanted at Braintree; And at Rehoboth, another or two would be welcome; As also at Newbury, one; And another at Tiverton, Free Town, and Little Compton, in Rhode Island; At Bristol, one; At Apaquiminy and Dover Hundred, one cannot be longer wanted without Prejudice to the Church; And this is the Case likewise of Albermarle, and Bath Counties in North Carolina, whence the Governor



now himself writes, " That without some due  
" Care be taken, the very Footsteps of Religion  
" will in a short Time be worn out there, and  
" those who retain any Remembrance of it, will be  
" wholly led away by Quakers.

3dly, Another Impediment, is said to be the want <sup>3. Want of</sup> of Books, especially *English Common Prayer Books*, <sup>Books.</sup> which, for the Reason just mentioned, The Society cannot supply in such Abundance as heretofore; much less can it be at the Expence of an Edition of one in the *German Tongue*, which would lie very heavy upon them at this Time; tho' it has given all due Encouragement to it, in that Mr. Hagar has promised Succes there from his conformable *Palatines*.

4thly, Is want of Residence, strictly so called, <sup>4. Non-Resi-</sup> amongst *Missionaries* and *Commissaries*; by whose <sup>dence of Mis-</sup> long and frequent Absence in coming home, without warrantable Reasons; Their own Cures have suffer'd heretofore incredible Detriment, and their Neighbouring ones likewise, for want of that Advice, Assistance, and Example, which might have strengthened their *Brethren*; supported their *Fellow-Labourers* in the Gospel, and adorned the Doctrine of our Saviour; Add to this,

5thly, The want of Affection and Brotherly Love <sup>5. Unchristi-</sup> in those, who set themselves against the Mission, <sup>an Affections.</sup> or at least do not encourage it (for what Reasons soever) is another Impediment greatly obstructing our Successes amongst *Christians*: Such Instances there have been, and are daily flagrant enough, of those whose Consciences may one Day rebuke them, for Misusage of *Missionaries* on their Passage, at their first Arrival, or thro' the Course of their Ministry; In discountenancing their Performance of



Religious Duties, in traducing their Characters, where the Ministry ought not to have *been blamed*; or in promoting such enervating *Acts* in these or those Assemblies, where if Mens Pretensions and Zeal for God and Goodness were real, Their Actions would all conspire rather to let the Gospel have its free Course, when it is not preached for *filthy Lucre Sake*, nor in *Contention*, but of *good Will*; To which must be added in the last Place,

6. Calamities  
of War.

6thly, Want of Peace, and a firm Correspondence with those *Indians* which encompass, as it were, the *British* Territories: The want of this, as it is very well known, has brought innumerable Difficulties upon us, not only amongst the *Indians* of the 5 *Nations* so called; but those bordering on the Frontiers, and intermixed with our People in both the *Carolina's*: Amongst the *former*, a Stop has been put to the so much expected Progress of the Gospel, under the Conduct of our Mission from *England*; not only by debauching their Morals, which is imputable to *some* of our Neighbours in promoting Riots and Excess by the Sale of *Rum* so often prohibited; and during which Traffick, all sober Endeavours used for their Salvation must be rendred utterly ineffectual; But by exciting them against us in Principle; Whilst *others* of our Neighbours ply them as warmly with Notions not less intoxicating, As if the *English*, under Umbrage of a *Mission* for the Good of their Souls, intended nothing less than that; nor indeed any Thing else, but the Destruction of their Bodies and Estates, by making War on them for their Possessions, and for the cutting them all off; And what good could be promoted under these almost insuperable Disadvantages, is easily perceived, whilst

whilst the Enemy did this ; But at our own Doors, 'tis feared, must be laid those Miscarriages which have involved Multitudes of innocent People under the most dreadful Consequences of the Carolina War ; where Covetousness, and unrighteous Dealing, have been the Roots of so many inexpressible Evils, not easily to be enumerated, by Breach of Friendship, Destruction of Properties, Loss of Liberty, of Life, of the Means of Salvation ; without all the other aggravating Circumstances which must have attended the Oppressed, during the barbarous Workings of a most enraged, and an Infidel Enemy.

The Impediments mention'd (tho' the most considerable at present) with any such like, will, 'tis humbly conceived, be easily obviated, with all their malevolent Influences, for the future, by the following Methods.

ARTICLE III.  
Methods to be taken for retrieving the Society's Affairs.

1. By proper Application for such Superiors, or Governours in the Church, to his Majesties Authority Royal, which, as it is confessedly supreme over all Persons Ecclesiastical as well as Civil, within these His Realms, and all other his Dominions and Countries ; And as His present Majesty has, in like manner with His Royal Predecessors, been graciously pleased to approve of the Societies engaging in so pious and useful an Undertaking, and given unquestionable Assurances, That He will support it upon all Occasions, with his Favour and Encouragement : We may thence reasonably expect, from the Addresses already drawn up, and to be offer'd with the humblest Submission by proper Hands, such returns in due Time as may answer the Expectations of the most Sanguine with Respect to the subject Matter of

1. Proper Application to His Majesty for Church Governours, &c.

of them ; Whether they relate to the Settlement of *Bishops*, (towards which, the Lands of the *Papish Clergy* in *St. Christopher's*, 'tis thought, might very properly be applied) The *Repeal* of such *Acts* as were looked upon to be undersapping the very *Ministerial Establishment* in *America*; or, The *enacting* such *Laws* and *Injunctions* there, as may discourage all those *Practices* which tend any *Ways* to the *Reproach* or *Hindrance* of a *Gospel Progress*: the base and perfidious Attempts in particular, of debauching the *Indians* in their *Principles* or *Manners*, and making them less affected to the *English Government*, or the *Protestant Religion*.

2. Supply of  
Missionaries.

2dly, The *Want* of *Missionaries* will no longer be an *Impediment*, than whilst the *Society* shall have gone thro' the *Methods* they are entred on, of suiting their *Expences* to their *Income*: by all the due means of retrenching *Salarys* not necessary; Of placing their *Cash* in *Funds*, the most secure and beneficial; Of buying up *Ground Rents* with such *Bequests* as are especially appropriated that way; and of cultivating in the best manner their *Estates* in *Hand*; Of gaining *new Subscriptions* from *Members* to be admitted, and of ascertaining and procuring the *Payment* of the *Arrears*.

By Means of these *new Regulations* with Respect to *Stock*, and two others with Respect to *Missionaries* themselves, (*viz.*) " That the *Schoolmasters* sent  
" henceforward, shall be *Deacons* all of them; and  
" That, the *Collections* of the *Societies Papers*  
" shall be sent to the *Registries* of the respective  
" *Arch-Deacons* in this *Kingdom*, for the *View* of  
" such of the *Clergy*, who shall be inclined to ex-  
" ercise their *Function* in *Foreign Parts*. 'Tis much  
to be hoped, that we shall neither want *Missionaries*



ries well subfifted, nor that any others will offer themselves, but Men of Vertue, of Prudence, and of Abilities.

3. Books will be fupplied in greater Numbers, by the foregoing Expedient; And the German want especially, by the new and moft correct Tranflation of our *Liturgy* in that Language, preparing at this Time for the Ease of the Society, and the Edification of our Brethren of the reformed Religion abroad, by the great Care, Pains, and Expences of the Right Reverend Father in God, John, Lord Bishop of London; Whose Seminary for the Miffion, now eftablifhing at London Houfe, highly deferves an honourable Mention in this Place; Where a Succeffion of Students from the Universities, trained up under his Lordfhip's own Infpection, in Studies proper for the ways they fhall go, will be a ftanding Monument of his Lordfhip's Concern for thofe Churches in Foreign Parts, where the Society is not engaged; and by provoking others to perfect the good Work, may open a wide and effectual Door, for the bringing many to the faving Knowledge of Chrift's Doctrine and Difcipline, even where there are now many Adverfaries.

3. Supplies of Books.

4. As to the 4th Impediment, That of Non-Refidence of Miffionaries; The putting in Execution fuch ftanding Orders as are already made, for the Difpatch of Miffionaries to their Charges, as foon after their Admiffion as may well be; with Injunctions for Refidence thereon, and Prohibitions againft their Return without Leave, fuch as are already provided, Sect. VII. No. xiv; or are now framing to make up No. 24; will be a fufficient Cure for that Purpofe.

4. Residence of Miffionaries in their Cures.

5. Brotherly  
Love and U-  
nity of Chri-  
stians to one  
another.

5. The Article of *Affection* and *Brotherly Love*, as it will most promote the Designs of the Almighty ; for the Good of Mankind, thro' the blessed Operations of his Divine Spirit, is, God be praised, in some Measure advanced, and seen in the Kindness of *Governours* and *Countries* towards the *Ministers* of God's Word and Affairs of Religion ; with the mutual Amity of *Ministers* amongst themselves, and reciprocal *Gratitude* to their *Friends* and *Benefactors* ; Such is the Zeal of the People at *Radnor* and *Oxford* of *Pensylvania*, in subscribing a tolerable Sum toward a handsome Stone-Church ; Of those at *Albany*, in obtaining a License for a New Church there also, which his Excellency *Governour Hunter* has so far encouraged, That thro' his Example, Subscriptions are raised to the Amount of 4 or 500 l. with the Assistance of *Colonel Beckman*, and *Major Striker* at *Vlackbusb*, and the Villages in *Kings-County*, *Long-Island* ; Of *Governour Hart* in *Mary-Land*, To whom the Thanks of the *Society* have been order'd, for his kind Account of the State of Religion in that Province, with his Promise to promote the true Interest of it ; and the Application he made to the Lord *Baltimore*, Proprietor of the same, for his Grace to the Clergy by Enlargement of their Salaries and Glebes from *Forfeitures*, and *Esolated* Lands therein ; The Continuance of which Favour is requested of the Right Honourable the Lord *Guildford*, as his Executor in Trust ; Of General *Hamilton*, who received the Thanks of the *Society* likewise, for his Favours towards them, with Assurances of the Continuance thereof in his Government of the *Leeward Islands* ; Of Lieutenant *Governour Eden* in *North Carolina*, and the People about him, " who are inclined, as he  
" writes,

“ writes, to embrace all Opportunities of attending  
 “ on the Worship of God, and to contribute ac-  
 “ cording to their Abilities, to the Support of a  
 “ Missionary; Of the *Province of South Carolina*,  
 which gave to some of their Missionaries, as a  
 Present 25<sup>th</sup> of that Country Bills, which was a  
 very great Help to them: And of the *Ministers*  
 throughout that *Province*, who are reported as a-  
 bove, to live in perfect *Unity*, and *Brotherly Love*;  
 Which blessed Agreement among Church Commu-  
 nicants, joyned with a courteous and Christian  
 Demeanour towards those who dissent from  
 them, may in God’s due Time effectually pave the  
 Way towards a happy Union in Judgment, or at least  
 of Affection towards us, when they shall see that  
 we have a real Concern for their Souls, as well as for  
 the *Heathen*; And they too beholding and admiring  
 such Love of *Christians* towards one another, such  
 patient Forbearance, and righteous Dealing, with  
 others of their good Works; may be brought at  
 length to glorifie our Father which is in Heaven;

To these Ends, The good Conduct of his Ex-  
 cellency General *Hunter*, in exchanging good Of-  
 fices, with the usual Presents, for their Belts of  
*Wampum*; The Munificence of General *Nicholson*  
 in bestowing 100 l. amongst them of his own free  
 Gift, and properly laid out for the composing their  
 Tempers; With the Diligence of the Reverend  
 Mr. *Andrews* and his *Interpreter* in the Care of  
 their Souls, may not a little contribute on the *North*  
*East Side* of the *English Dominions in America*; And  
 their Reflection on the Miseries and Calamities of a  
 late devouring War on the *South West Side* thereof,  
 may make both *Heathens* and *Christians* value Peace  
 Temporal and Eternal; Seeking after those Things,  
 E not

5. Quietness  
 and a lasting  
 Peace with  
 the Indians.



not which may disturb, but whereby the one may edify the other.

ARTICLE IV. But now, whilst the Society has been this Year lamenting the *Disadvantages* of it, and at the same Time labouring to surmount them; It has by no Means been remiss, within its Compass, in supplying those Countries with *Missionaries*, or their *Missionaries* with Stipends or Books convenient for them; Nor have they waved any necessary Charges incumbent on them towards the *Conversion* of the *Natives*, or making a due Provision for the Salvation of its own People, The Neglect of which might have rendered some of our Countrymen abroad, and brought an Imputation on our selves at home as, *worse than Infidels*;

1. To *Missionaries* and *Officers*.

Thus, the Reverend Mr. *Robert Walker* has been dispatched to *Burlington*, for the Care of that Place, in Mr. *Talbot's* Sickness, and as his Successor in Case of Removal, with the provisional Charge of *New Bristol* and *Hopewell*, at the Allowance of 60 *l. per Annum*; The Reverend Mr. *Robert Jenny* to *New York*, for the Assistance of Mr. *Vesey*, at 50 *l*; The Reverend Mr. *Henry Lucas* to *Newbury*, at 60 *l.* where the Reverend Mr. *Lambton* for his officiating, had a Gratuity of 40 *l.* from the Society;

Besides which original Salaries, The Society has thought fit, upon special Occasions or pressing Emergencies, To grant other *Gratuities*, or, To augment the Salaries of deserving *Missionaries* or *Officers*, of what Sort soever: So the Sum of 40 *l.* was granted to the Reverend Mr. *Vesey*, in Consideration of his Services done in the Plantations of *America*, and for enabling him to transport himself to *New York*; To the Reverend Mr. *Adams*, now Minister of *Stepney*

ney Parish, in Somerset County, Maryland, 100 l. To the Reverend Mr. *Vaughan*, for his Cate at *Amboy*, *Elizabeth Town*, &c. 10 l. increase Annually; To the Reverend Mr. *Poyer*, an Order has been granted for all the Expences he shall be at in recovering his Salary by due Course of Law, in the shortest and speediest manner it can be effected; To the Reverend Mr. *Honeyman*, for his extraordinary Supply of *Tiverton*, *Free Town*, *Little Compton*, and *Naraganset*, till Missionaries be sent over thither, 20 l. per Annum; To the Reverend Mr. *Bridge* 30 l. in Consideration of Losses in the Societies Service; To the Reverend Mr. *Humphreys* at *Chester*, an Augmentation of 10 l.; To Mr. *Huddleston*, Schoolmaster at *Rye*, 5 l. Addition to his Salary; To Mr. *Thomas Moore*, Assistant to the late Secretary, 10 l. for his extraordinary Service for the Society during the last Year; And to the Secretary himself 50 l. per Annum has been added, for enabling him to provide such Assistants as he shall think proper in the Business of the Society, to commence from the last Anniversary Meeting.

In Books, There have been granted 5 l. and 8 l. worth<sup>2.</sup> To Books: to the Reverend Mr. *Vaughan*; To the Reverend Mr. *Thomas* at *Hempstead*, 2 Dozen of Common Prayer Books 12<sup>o</sup>. 2 Dozen of Archbishop *King's* Inventions of Men; 2 Dozen of the Dean of *St. Asaph's* Faith and Practice of a Church of England Man; and one of the *London Cases* abridged, compleat; To the Reverend Mr. *Walker*, 5 l. for devotional and practical Tracts, to be distributed amongst his People; with 2 Church Bibles, 2 Folio Common-Prayer Books, and 2 Books of Homilies for the Use of his Churches; To the Reverend Mr. *Lucas* at *Newbury* a Library, to be removed from *Braintree* whither

whither a supernumerary one had been sent by Mistake; To the Reverend Mr. *Honyman*, on *Rhode-Island*, 1 doz. *Common Prayer Books* 8vo. and 2 doz. 120. 50 of *Wall's* Abridgements; 6 of *Bennet's* Books against the Quakers; and 50 serious Calls to the Quakers by the Reverend Mr. *George Keith*, as a very acceptable Present to him and his Congregation, against the Errors of *Quakers* and *Anabaptists*; To the Reverend Mr. *Bridge* at *Rye*, some *Common Prayer Books*, and some devotional Tracts, of which the People were very desirous before he wrote, and heartily thankful for them since; To the Reverend Mr. *Mackenzie*, 2 doz. *Common Prayer Books* 120.; To the Reverend *Dr. le Fau*, some *Society Sermons* with other Books, a great Part of which have been distributed to those who make a good Use of them, not excepting the *Slaves*, who seem desirous of Instruction, and to receive the Ordinances from the Ministers of their Parishes; To the Reverend Mr. *Adams* the usual Allowance; To the Reverend Mr. *Shaw* 10 l. for a Library; To Mr. *Huddleston*, 2 doz. *Common Prayer Books* 120. with the old Version of the singing *Psalms*, and as many of *Lewis's* Explanation of the *Church Catechism*, for Exercises in his School, and in the Evening on the Lord's Days: (when not only his own Scholars, but several of the young People of the Town of both Sexes come willingly to be informed;) 1 doz. *Bibles* with the *Common Prayer Book*, 1 large 40. *Common Prayer*, with the *New Version* of the *Psalms*, 25 *Psalms*, and 50 *Primmers*; all which he requested as contributing mightily to the speeding the good Work he has in hand; having taught besides *British Children*,



650 Dutch and French, to read and write *English*, since he was first sent over in the Employ of a *Schoolmaster*, of which he has demonstrated himself very capable.

Besides these *Expences*, large enough for their present *Income*; The Society has been at a very great Charge about *Incidentals*, necessary in a manner for carrying on the *Conversion* or *Reformation* intended, whether of *Pagans* or *Christians*; Such have been with Respect to the former; their Instruction and Maintenance of Prince George, Son of a *Tammonsea* Sachem, for some Time in *England*, who may in the Hands of God become a healing Instrument for cementing those late Breaches which have been fatally widen'd between the *English* and their Neighbours, on the *Frontiers* of *Carolina*; and by a seasonable Gratitude may cause many Thanksgivings to God in the *Societies* Behalf; And such has been likewise the *Present* made to the *Sachems* of the *Mohawks* and other bordering Nations, by the Reverend Mr. *Andrews*, at the Societies Appointment, by which he obtained Leave to preach among their People; With the *Printing* of Prayers, and Catechisms, in the *Indian* Language, and the *Instructions* for *Catechists* in *English*.

With Respect to the *Reformation* of our *Christian* Brethren, those *Expences* are to be accounted for, which relate any Ways to the *Printing* the *Societies* Anniversary *Sermons* or *Abstracts*, the Book called the *American Library*, the *Collection* of *Papers*, with the *Abstracts* translated into *French*, by the Reverend Mr. *Rival*; for the Information and Satisfaction of its *Members*, *Correspondents*, and *Benefactors*; All which have had their Use;  
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The Preparations made by the Society for a German Translation of our Liturgy more correct than any heretofore; The Stock of *English Common Prayer* Books laid in from the King's Printing Press, for the perpetual Use of the *Plantations*, &c.

Not to mention at present the furnishing of Surplices and other Church *Utensils* to some Congregations who could not well purchase them; The Allowance of a Bounty of 20 *l.* to all the *Ministers* of the Church of England, in the Province of *South Carolina* during the Stress of the War, tho' they were not entertain'd by the Society; Nor the Allowance of Taxes for the Estate in *Essex*; Of Bills to Officers and Servants for necessary Expences, &c. which in the whole have amounted this Year to near 400 *l.* Sterling; To sum up all;

The *Advantages* mention'd, Article I, IV. have been peculiar to the Year; The *Impediments* some of them have been surmounted; Article II; The rest, with the *Methods* of retrieving, Article III. are left for the succeeding Years; from which, we cannot but promise our selves happier Successes as they have commenc'd with the auspicious Election of a *President*, Who, not only by his indefatigable Labours in *Propagating* the Gospel both at Home and Abroad in the greatest Purity; with his known Prudence and Zeal for well-governing the *House of His God*, and the *Officers* thereof; But by the shining Example given us suitable to his High Station, may make us reasonably conclude, that *His Grace* has been fitted, as well as preserved providentially for such a Time as this; when lastly,

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The State brought in by the Report of the Auditors, Mr. Henry Hoare, Mr. Vigerus Edwards, Francis Nicholson, John Taleure, and James Moody Esqrs; is, That the Yearly Disbursements exceeded the Yearly Income by the Sum of 1461*l*. 16*s*. 6*d*.  
The Particulars whereof stand thus:

ARTICLE V.  
The Auditors  
General Ac-  
counts stated.

Receipts.

	<i>l</i> .	<i>s</i> .	<i>d</i> .
By Annual Subscriptions of Members ———	577	18	00
By Rent ———	46	01	06
By casual Benefactions and otherwise ———	666	17	03
By Monies paid at the Entrance of New Members	9	10	06
By Interest ———	70	49	08
By Arrears of Collections on Her late Majesty's gracious Letters Patents, to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Lords the Bishops of London, Durham, Winchester, Exeter, Rochester, Bristol, and Chester, ———	464	07	21
	1775	14	11
To which add the Balance of the last Account, audited the 24 <sup>th</sup> of Jan. 1764.	2629	09	04
	4403	23	15

Disbursements.

By Payments of Yearly Salaries to Missionaries, Catechists, and Schoolmasters, Gratuities to Missionaries, Monies paid for Purchase of Books, and other incidental Expences ———	2557	05	00
Balance remaining in Cash, East-India Bonds, Exchequer Bills, &c. January 18. 1715. ———	1847	18	51
			Yearly



## Yearly Income.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
By Annual Subscription of Members	669	03	06
By Yearly Rent of Lands, with Monies given for that Purpose	55	00	00
	724	03	06

## Yearly Expences.

By Yearly Salaries to Missionaries, Catechists, and Schoolmasters	1996	00	00
By Yearly Salaries to the Treasurer, Secretary, and Messenger	190	00	00
	2186	00	00

According to which, the Society's certain Yearly Charge, exceeds their Yearly Income by the Sum of	1461	16	06
Besides, a considerable Allowance is to be made for Books, Gratuities to Missionaries, and other incidental Charges, which amount- ed last Year to	478	11	06

And

And the same good Successes presaged for the **ARTICLE VI.** Society in general, under the most auspicious Influences of so gracious a Monarch, so excellent a President, a Vice-President so zealous for the Mission, as is the Lord Bishop of London, with his Colleagues, Assessors, and Members of the Corporation respectively, Will, it is hoped, in due Measure affect their Affairs in Barbadoes likewise; which are not without their Incumbrances, tho' they are not in so uncomfortable a Posture, as the general Estate appears to be from the preceeding Abstract.

*The State of the Societies in Affairs in Barbadoes; particularly of Codrington College.*

What has been done here thro' the current Year, is, according to the Method above prescribed, as followeth, very briefly;

*The Advantages.*

The Estate in Barbadoes, particularly the College intended, has had the Benefit of Royal Protection, in the good Offices of his Excellency General Lowther, sent thither by his Majesty as Governour in chief; Who was pleased, whilst in Town, to give a favourable Answer to an Application from the Society: "For his Assistance in promoting and "carrying on the Building of the College there, "and encouraging the Interest of Religion, and "the Society; And from Him the like Return is expected, to a more particular Request of the Society, made since his Arrival there, "desiring his "Favour in directing the Roebuck (or Stationary) "Man of War, to be employed in fetching Timber from the adjacent Islands, pursuant to the "Instructions from the Right Honourable the "Lords of the Admiralty, mention'd in the "Abstract of 1714. Page 73.

*Benefactors.*

Nor has the College wanted its Benefactors this Year, either in whole, or in part; We being informed from thence; That the Liberality of the

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Honourable *William Sharpe* Esq; has extended to 100 *l.* Sterling, towards the good Work advancing; That of *William Walker* Esq; to 50 *l.* and, That of *Paul Carrington* Esq; to 20 *l.* And here at Home his late Grace of *Canterbury*, whilst disabled and confined from publick Business, by the Infirmities of Sickness and old Age; was yet labouring in his Thoughts the further and better *Propagation* of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, as appears from the *Benefaction* of 1000 *l.* to the Society in general, mentioned Page 3. of this Abstract, and his good Will to *Codrington College*, by a Donation to the Library thereof, *in perpetuum*: consisting of the following proper, and very valuable Books: *viz.* The *Polyglott Bible* of London, in 6 Volumes Folio; *Purchase's Pilgrimage* in 5 Volumes Folio: The last Edition of the *Book of Martyrs*, in 3 Volumes Folio: The *Sums of Thomas Aquinas* in 1 Volume Folio: and Mr *Ray* of *Plants* in 3 Volumes Folio: Latin.

New Commis-  
sioners, or At-  
torneys.

To the *Benefactors* in Money or Books, may be added such Persons in the next Place who are desirous or have been requested to give the Society their *Time*, or their *Counsel*, for carrying on their Affairs in those Parts, especially the *Building* of the College; These are the *New Commissioners* added this Year, of whose Diligence in assisting there are very promising hopes given by their respective *Nominators*; as the Honourable Colonel *Richard Scott* of the *Island* of *Barbadoes*; The Honourable *Timothy Salter* Esq; and Colonel *Samuel Maynard*; with the new *Attorneys* for the *Leewards*, Colonel *William Thomas*, and the Honourable *Barry Tankard* Esq;



Nor have the *Missionaries* themselves been wanting in their Endeavours since Mr. *Holt's* Dismission; *Missionaries Endeavours.* The Reverend Mr. *Irwine*, having discharged the Duty of *Catechist*, very faithfully during the Vacancy: To whom the Reverend Mr. *Browne* succeeded with all the Advantages of a good *Missionary*, being found *very zealous in the Work he was sent about*: and died as much lamented, as he had liv'd belov'd; and Expectations are strong on the Reverend Mr. *Love's* Part, who by a good Habit of Body, assiduous Application to his Ministry, and a due Use of the *Instructions* drawn up for *Catechists*, with his own Experiences added thereto, may shortly give a good Account of the *Negroes* committed to his Charge: To the Work of whose *Conversion* there have been *Impediments*, as well as to the Building of the College:

Such have been with Respect to the *Negroes* Conversion; *Con- Impediments*;

The Want of *Catechists* at several Seasons, occasion'd by Mr. *Holt's* Dismission, on a Sort of *Want of Catechists.* *Desertion*, which the Society could no otherwise censure than it did, without suffering in its Character; By Mr. *Browne's* untimely Decease, as to us; And the long Interval, not easily filled up, till the Reverend Mr. *Love's* Arrival:

With Respect to the Building of the College.

The *Impediments* have been, want of a Fund *in Want of a* *Hand* sufficient for the finishing of it, which is now *Fund.* advancing to the full. And

Want of the necessary *Dispatch* in adjusting *Want of Dispatch in Bu-* Differences and Preliminaries, occasion'd through *sinces.* Distance of Place, unseasonable Information, &c. in a great measure unavoidable.

Methods for retrieving. All which *Impediments* are in a fair way of being removed, by the *Methods* now entred into by the Society :

By Supply of Missionaries. 1. In *dispatching* the Reverend Mr. *Christopher Love*, who is at present sufficient for the *Menage* of the *Negroes*, with Respect to their spiritual Estate.

By proper Application. 2. In making proper *Applications* to Colonel *Codrington*, who has been desired at a Personal Conference with some of the Society's *Deputies*, "To compleat what remains to be performed "on his Part, in freeing the Society's Estates "from all *Ineumbrances*, pursuant to the Articles "executed between him and the Society : of whose good Intentions so to do, we have this Account from *Major Cogan*, That he has reduced the Balance of Mr. *Sharpe's* Judgment to less than 1000*l*; and has given Assurances, that even that Sum shall be paid off in a very short Time; and elsewhere, That the Colonel has given positive Orders to *Major Cogan* to repay the 400 and odd Pounds, that were paid to Mr. *Smalridge*; These Instances with others of the Colonel's good Inclinations, in referring particularly the whole to Sir *William Thompson*, the worthy Recorder of the City of *London*, will soon bring Matters between him and the Society to an honourable Conclusion : And the Society will go on without Interruption to improve its Estate in the Islands, as it doth here in *England*.

By improving of Stock. 3. By buying up *East-India* Bonds, as it has done to the Value of 2000*l*. *Principal Money* (procured by the *Treasurer* without *Brokerage*,) and other Advantages of that Nature.



The Particulars above considered, the Society will be throughly acquitted in their Management of the *Barbadoes* Estate, when it appears that they have expended no more this Year in *Salaries* and *Gratuities* to the Reverend Messieurs *Holt*, *Irwine*, *Browne*, and *Love*, their stated or occasional *Catechists*; To their sick *Gardener*; To *Draughts*, *Plans*, and *Models* of their College finely finished in *Wainscott*, or engraven: To *Officers* and *Servants* *Appointments*; To Allowances for sawing of *Stone*, cutting of *Timber*, or other *Materials*, whether for *College* or *Estate*, Than 1913 l.

And we trust it will evidently appear, That the same good Husbandry will be carried on throughout, as to the Affair of the *College* so happily begun, For the Honour of the *Founders* Memory, the Benefit of the *Natives* and *Traders* in that Part of the *World*, the Reputation of the Society, and Propagation of the *Gospel*: Which, O merciful God, hasten in thy due Time, and prosper the Society's, and all pious Endeavours thereunto tending; whether on the Continent of *America*; Elsewhere; or in the *West-Indies*, wherein, The Particulars of the *Barbadoes* Account, stand as followeth.



# The BARBADOES Accompt.

## Receipts.

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
By Hogheads of Sugar in Hand at last Audit, and 140 more imported and sold	678	15	00
By Interest of 2000 <i>l.</i> East-India Bonds beyond what was paid when purchased	44	13	02
	3720	08	02
To which add the Balance of the last Audit, made payable the 24th of January, 1714.	2016	12	10
	5737	00	00

## Disbursements.

The Society, <i>per contra</i> , have paid and expended as above in Salaries and Gratuities, to Carechifts and Gardener, in purchasing Goods for the Service of the Plantations, in Plans, Draughts, and Models for the College; in Necessaries for building the same; in Officers Salaries, and other Incidentals, to the End of the Year	1913	03	04
Remaining in Cash with the Treasurer, to balance the said Account, (besides 60 Hogheads of Sugar in Hand unfold) at the last Audit	3823	16	08
	5737	00	00

